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1. One of the rings or loops forming a chain.
2.
 - a. A unit in a connected series of units: *links of sausage; one link in a molecular chain.*
 - b. A unit in a transportation or communications system.
 - c. A connecting element; a tie or bond: *grandparents, our link with the past.*
3.
 - a. An association; a relationship: *The Alumnae Association is my link to the school's present administration.*
 - b. A causal, parallel, or reciprocal relationship; a correlation: *Researchers have detected a link between smoking and heart disease.*
4. A cuff link.
5. *Abbr. li* A unit of length used in surveying, equal to 0.01 chain, 7.92 inches, or about 20.12 centimeters.
6. A rod or lever transmitting motion in a machine.
7. *Computer Science.* A segment of text or a graphical item that serves as a cross-reference between parts of a hypertext document or between files or hypertext documents. Also called **hotlink**, **hyperlink**.

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1. To connect with or as if with a link: *linked the rings to form a chain.*
See Synonyms at join.
2. Computer Science. To make a hypertext link in: *linked her webpage to her employer's homepage.*

intr.

1. To become connected with or as if with a link: *The molecules linked to form a polymer.*
2. Computer Science. To follow a hypertext link: *With a click of the mouse, I linked to the company's website.*

[Middle English *linke*, of Scandinavian origin; akin to Old Norse *lekk*, **hlenkr*, from **hlenkr*.]

link'er n.

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2. Genetics. Exhibiting linkage.
3. Computer Science. Provided with links.

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